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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : George W. Peters  
App. No. : 09/929,473  
Filed : August 13, 2001  
For : GAS/OIL WELL  
MONITORING SYSTEM  
Examiner : Unknown

Group Art Unit: 2862

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on

January 15, 2002

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Gordon H. Olson, Reg. No. 20,319

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL AS ATTORNEY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: Director Group 2862

Dear Sir:

The subject application was prepared at the request of Michael A. Armani, who is understood to be the owner of the invention covered by the application, although a written assignment has not been prepared or recorded. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.36, the Petitioner requests permission to withdraw as attorney for Michael A. Armani before the Patent and Trademark Office concerning the above-identified application. Petitioner also requests permission to withdraw as attorney for Applicant, George Peters, although petitioner never actually represented Mr. Peters. The Petitioner is authorized by, and makes this request on behalf of the law firm of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP (Customer No. 20,995), including all of its individual members.

The last known mailing addresses of the owner of the entire interest and the Applicant are:

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Michael A. Armani - Owner  
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The basis for the request for withdrawal is 37 C.F.R. § 10.40(c)(1)(vi). The following facts are submitted for consideration:

1. In August, 2001, Mr. Armani engaged Petitioner's law firm to prepare and file a patent application on the invention disclosed in the above-referenced application.
2. Petitioner prepared and filed the application on August 13, 2001.
3. Mr. Armani has failed to pay one or more bills. The outstanding account balance currently stands at \$18,700.
4. Mr. Armani has made repeated commitments to pay the full amount of the current balance, but has failed to keep those commitments.
5. On December 5, 2001, Mr. Armani was given notice that the Petitioner would seek to withdraw if the financial matter could not be resolved.

The application was filed on August 13, 2001, without a signed declaration. In response to a Notice of Missing Parts, a signed declaration was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office on December 18, 2001. The application current status is pending without having yet received a first office action. There is no outstanding term for response.

The Petitioner has taken reasonable steps to avoid foreseeable prejudice to the rights of the client, such that the Applicant's rights are preserved. In accordance with 37 C.F.R.

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§ 10.40(a), the Petitioner has delivered into the possession of Mr. Armani the following information:

- (1) due notice that the attorney is withdrawing;
- (2) a copy of this petition, including attachments;
- (3) the time necessary for response in the event an office action is received;
- (4) the address of the Patent and Trademark Office where the Applicant needs to write;
- (5) if extensions and extension fees are required, this information has also been indicated; and
- (6) an offer to deliver to the client all papers and property to which the client is entitled.

A copy of the letter to the client is attached.

In accordance with 1058 O.G. 32, this petition is enclosed in triplicate to expedite its handling.

The Petitioner, on behalf of the law firm of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP (**Customer No. 20,995**), including all of its individual members, respectfully requests permission to withdraw as attorney in the above-referenced case now pending before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required now or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,  
KNOBBE, MARTENS, OLSON & BEAR, LLP

Dated: 1/15/02

By: Gordon H. Olson  
Authorized and Signing on behalf  
of all attorneys of record

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December 5, 2001

VIA FACSIMILE AND CERTIFIED MAIL 7000 0520 0020 8192 8288

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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
Title: GAS/OIL WELL MONITORING SYSTEM  
U.S. Application No.: 09/929473  
Filed: August 13, 2001  
Our Reference: ARMAN.001A (formerly TLNET.016A)

Dear Michael:

In order to expedite the filing of this application, it was previously filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") without a signed declaration by the inventor. The USPTO assigned to the application the official application number and filing date set forth in the enclosed copy of the filing receipt. The USPTO also sent the enclosed Notice to File Missing Parts. In order to maintain this filing date and sustain the pendency of the application, the enclosed declaration must be signed by George Peters and filed in the USPTO by December 18, 2001 to avoid time extension expense.

The Notice to File Missing Parts also asks for substitute drawings for the reason given in the Notice. In the rush to get this case on file we were only able to use the drawings supplied by George.

As I stated in my last phone message to you, we cannot continue to represent you, since our bill for preparing and filing the application remains unpaid. Unless our bill is paid by December 14, 2001, I plan to file in the Patent Office a petition to withdraw from representing you. I will, however, submit the declaration if you send it to me by that date. Also we will prepare substitute drawings if you provide \$1000.

Under the official Rules of Practice in patent cases, a patent applicant and his attorney are under an affirmative duty to disclose all information which is material to the examination of the application. The applicant is obligated to submit all "prior art" of which the applicant and his attorney are aware. We regularly satisfy that obligation by preparing and sending an information disclosure statement to the Patent and Trademark Office within three months after filing an

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application. We will include any prior patents discovered in any search we conducted for you; however, please advise us of any other prior art of which you are aware.

Prior art includes any publication which describes a device similar to that disclosed and claimed in the patent application, or which shows something sharing a significant common concept or feature with the invention for which a patent is sought. Any such publication which predates the date of invention or was published more than a year prior to the filing date of the application must be disclosed. Any doubts on this matter should be resolved in favor of disclosure.

Also included in prior art is any public use, disclosure or offering for sale of the invention or any relevant device in this country by the inventor or others, more than one year prior to the filing date of the application, or any knowledge or use of the invention by others in this country prior to your date of invention. This would include, for example, any prior patented or unpatented devices which you know of, particularly if they are closer to your invention than the references we discovered in the search. Photographs or brochures are usually the best way to show this prior art, if available. Again, all doubts should be resolved in favor of disclosure.

Failure to make a full disclosure, as described above, may seriously jeopardize the ability to enforce any patent that might issue, and willful failure to provide pertinent information may be grounds for invalidating any subsequently issued patent and can result in an action for damages against the patent owner.

The duty of disclosure is an ongoing duty throughout the pendency of the application.

Filing the application unsigned can delay the prosecution of the application. If it becomes necessary to appeal, the amount of time between the filing of the application and the submission of the signed declaration may be deducted from the total term of any patent resulting in this application. Thus, it is important that the enclosed declaration be signed as soon as possible and filed with the Patent and Trademark Office.

It is also important that the application be assigned to the proper entity, whether that be you or your corporation. If you decide to pay the bill, please let me know which entity.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,



Gordon H. Olson

Enclosures

cc: George Peters

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## DECLARATION - USA PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled GAS/OIL WELL MONITORING SYSTEM; the specification of which was filed on **August 13, 2001** as Application Serial No. **09/929473**.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Codes § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application No.: 60/224,711

Filing Date: August 11, 2000

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Full name of sole inventor: **George W. Peters**

Inventor's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: **890 W. 15th Street, Unit 103, Newport Beach, CA 92663**

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December 18, 2001

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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
Title: **GAS/OIL WELL MONITORING SYSTEM**  
Application No.: 09/929473  
Our Reference: ARMAN.001A

Dear Michael:

This is to inform you that we mailed the Declaration and substitute drawings to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 18, 2001 in the above-referenced patent application. Enclosed are copies for your records.

Not having heard from you regarding further payment on your account with our firm, I am proceeding with the step of withdrawing from representing you.

If you have any questions or wish additional information, please call me.

Sincerely,

Gordon H. Olson

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Title: **GAS/OIL WELL MONITORING SYSTEM**  
Application No.: 09/929473  
Our Reference: ARMAN.001A

Dear Michael:

Enclosed is a copy of a Petition to Withdraw from representing you that I submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 15, 2002.

The Patent Office will be sending future mail to you, or perhaps to George Peters, since there is no written assignment. Please let me know whether we should send your file to you or some other person.

Communication to the Patent Office should be addressed as shown on the petition.

Sincerely,

Gordon H. Olson

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